

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

**Pages 7 - 8 concurrently, replace the paragraph beginning at line 20 (as numbered) which starts "All the values" with the following:**

All the values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. (Standard Error of Mean).

n (no. of rats) = 6 - 9 in each treatment group;

\*p < 0.05 as compared to control (vehicle) (t-test);

a p < 0.05 as compared to per se treatments (ANOVA followed by Dunnett's test).

Single oral administration of ~~indomethacin~~ Indomethacin 20 mg/kg produced severe gastric damage (red colored, bleeding ulcers and disruption of mucus layer) in fasted animals with ulcer score of  $66.25 \pm 15.8$  when compared to the control value of  $2.25 \pm 0.48$ . Oral co-administration of Chondroitin Sulphate 50 mg/kg or 100 mg/kg with Indomethacin 20 mg/kg showed unexpected gastroprotection with ulcer scores of  $23.0 \pm 8.04$  and  $6.0 \pm 3.07$ , respectively. Also the extent of gastroprotection was dose dependent as evident from the ulcer index values for 50 and 100 mg/kg of Chondroitin sulphate administered together with 20 mg/kg of Indomethacin (Table 1).

**Page 10, replace the paragraph beginning at line 8 (as numbered) which starts "1) Chondroitin sulphate" with the following:**

1) Chondroitin sulphate, ~~indomethacin~~ Indomethacin, ~~microcrystalline~~ Microcrystalline cellulose and ~~mannitol~~ Mannitol are sifted and mixed together.

**Page 10, replace the paragraph beginning at line 10 (as numbered) which starts "2) Talc, sodium" with the following:**

2) Talc, ~~sodium~~ Sodium starch glycollate and ~~colloidal~~ Colloidal silicon dioxide are passed through fine sieves individually and then mixed together.

**Page 10, replace the paragraph beginning at line 32 (as numbered) which starts "4)**

**Talc, colloidal" with the following:**

4) Talc, ~~colloidal~~ Colloidal silicon dioxide and ~~croscarmellose~~ Croscarmellose sodium are passed through fine sieve and mixed together.

**Page 11, replace the paragraph beginning at lines 17 - 18 (as numbered) which starts**

**"1) Chondroitin sulphate," with the following:**

1) Chondroitin sulphate, ~~nimesulide, microcrystalline~~ Nimesulide, Microcrystalline cellulose, ~~mannitol, croscarmellose~~ Mannitol, Croscarmellose sodium and ~~lactose~~ Lactose are sifted and mixed together.

**Page 11, replace the paragraph beginning at lines 21 - 22 (as numbered) which starts**

**"4) Talc, colloidal" with the following:**

4) Talc, ~~colloidal~~ silicon dioxide and ~~croscarmellose~~ Croscarmellose sodium are passed through fine sieve and mixed together.

**Page 12, replace the paragraph beginning at lines 6 - 7 (as numbered) which starts "1)**

**Dermatan sulphate" with the following:**

1) Dermatan sulphate, ~~diclofenac~~ Diclofenac sodium, ~~microcrystalline~~ Microcrystalline cellulose, ~~mannitol~~ Mannitol, ~~croscarmellose~~ Croscarmellose sodium and ~~lactose~~ Lactose are sifted and mixed together.

**Page 12, replace the paragraph beginning at line 10 (as numbered) which starts "4)**

**Talc, colloidal" with the following:**

4) Talc, ~~colloidal~~ Colloidal silicon dioxide and ~~croscarmellose~~ Croscarmellose sodium are passed through fine sieve and mixed together.

**Page 12, replace the paragraph beginning at lines 28-29 (as numbered) which starts "1)**

**Chondroitin sulphate" with the following:**

1) Chondroitin sulphate, ~~nimesulide~~, ~~microcrystalline~~ Nimesulide,  
Microcrystalline cellulose, ~~mannitol~~, ~~croscarmellose~~ Mannitol, Croscarmellose sodium and  
~~lactose~~ Lactose are sifted and mixed together.

**Page 12, replace the paragraph beginning at line 32 (as numbered) which starts "4)**

**Talc, colloidal" with the following:**

4) Talc, ~~colloidal~~ Colloidal silicon dioxide and ~~croscarmellose~~ Croscarmellose  
sodium are passed through fine sieve and mixed together.

**Page 13, replace the paragraph beginning at lines 27 - 28 (as numbered) which starts**

**"1) Chondroitin sulphate," with the following:**

1) Chondroitin sulphate, ~~diclofenac~~ Diclofenac sodium, ~~microcrystalline~~  
Microcrystalline cellulose, ~~mannitol~~ Mannitol, ~~croscarmellose~~ Croscarmellose sodium and  
~~lactose~~ Lactose are sifted and mixed together.

**Page 13, replace the paragraph beginning at lines 31 - 32 (as numbered) which starts**

**"4) Talc, Colloidal" with the following:**

4) Talc, ~~colloidal~~ Colloidal silicon dioxide and ~~croscarmellose~~ Croscarmellose  
sodium are passed through fine sieve and mixed together.

**Page 14, replace the paragraph beginning at line 2 - 3 (as numbered) which starts "7)**

**Hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose" with the following:**

7) Hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose is dispersed in a mixture of ~~isopropyl~~ Isopropyl  
alcohol and ~~dichloromethane~~ with continuous mixing in homogenizer.